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EUMICHTIS LICHENEA HBN. (FEATHERED RANUNCULUS): THANET CRESS AS A MAJOR LARVAL FOODPLANT. — Although it is well known by many lepidopterists in the South East, that to obtain *E. lichenea* one journeys to the Sussex coast near Rye on a night in May to find the larvae in plenty among the conspicuous flowering clumps of *Cardaria draba* (Cruciferae), I believe this plant has not been noted previously in print as a foodplant of *lichenea*. I made such a visit in 1973, larvae were found, sand was obtained for the caterpillars to hide and pupate in, and in September moths of a relatively dark form emerged. This alien plant from S. and C. Europe and western Asia is now well established in many places along the south coast; has it become the foodplant of other colonies of *lichenea*? — B. K. WEST, 36 Briar Road, Bexley, Kent.

THE PEACOCK AND THE TUBE. — The summer of 1983 seems to have been exceptionally good for the Peacock Butterfly (*Inachis io*) in the London area. Buddleia plants in Highgate were smothered with specimens in late July and August. I do think it worthwhile, however, to record the circumstances of one unusual observation. Arriving at Leicester Square Tube Station after a weekend in Paris on August 22nd a perfect male *io* was fluttering about with some determination on the northern platform of the Northern Line. The time was 22.00, but it was obviously looking for suitable hibernation sites. It seems most unlikely that it could have made its way into the underground system of the Tube network so it must have been blown for miles by passing trains from one of the places where the Tube transitions from under- to overground. — TORBEN B. LARSEN, 23 Jacksons Lane, London, N6.